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NEWCASTLE-EMLYN URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

SANITARY REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1938.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Report upon the health and sanitation of your Area for the year 1938.

Area, 208 Acres.
Population, 792.
Number of Inhabited Houses, 261.
Rateable Value, £2,945.
Sum represented by a Penny Rate is £11 6s. 3d.
There is a Shirt Factory employing 22 persons, a Milk Factory employing 24 persons, and an Egg Grading Station. A Mart and Market is held fortnightly. The town otherwise is a shopping centre for an agricultural area.
Unemployment is not severe.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR ARE AS FOLLOWS :

		Total.	M.	F.	
Live Births	Legitimate...	8	2	6	Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population...10.1, as compared with 15.1 for England and Wales.
	Illegitimate..	0	0	0	
Stillbirths		Nil.			
Deaths		18.			Death Rate per 1000 estimated population...22.7 as compared with 11.6 for England & Wales.

Deaths from Puerperal Causes—Nil.

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age—Two,

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)—Two.
Deaths from Measles (all ages)—Nil.
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)—Nil.
Deaths from Diarrhœa (under 2 years of age)—Nil.

General Comment on Deaths :

Of 18 deaths, 10 were due to Cardio Vascular diseases, and 4 were over 70 years of age.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

1. The Public Health Officers consist of one Medical Officer of Health, and a Sanitary Inspector and his Assistant ; they are not wholly employed in Public Health Work.

2. (a) Pathological Investigations are done at Carmarthen Hospital, 22 miles away.

(b) There is no Public Ambulance Service.

(c) Nursing in the home is carried out by a District Nurse.

(d) A Tuberculosis Clinic is held fortnightly in the area under the King Edward VII National Memorial Association. The Child Welfare Clinic established this year is well attended, and has been enthusiastically received by all.

(e) General and Maternity Hospital Cases can be and are treated at Cardigan Memorial Hospital 10 miles away, or at Carmarthen 22 miles away ; both are Voluntary Hospitals. There is no Hospital or Nursing Home in the Urban Area.

SANITARY CONDITIONS.

1. (i) WATER.—The new Water Supply at Penbuarth was iuaugurated with due ceremonial this summer ; the supply is copious and pure ; lime is added to reduce plumbo solvency. There is some fear that our old pipes and their junctions may not be able to withstand the extra pressure as there is evidence already of numerous leaks.

(ii) DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE SYSTEM.—This is antique but very efficient as our statistics show. Minor improvements have been made.

2. RIVERS AND STREAMS.—Pollution of the river by some milky by product has been all too prevalent, and numerous complaints have been made.

3. (i) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION,—There are far too many houses without a water carriage system.

(ii) PUBLIC CLEANSING.—No change has been made.

(iii) SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.—76.

(iv) SHOPS.—No action has been taken under the provisions of the Shops Act, 1934.

(v) SMOKE ABATEMENT.—There is no smoke nuisance.

(vi) SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.—It is to be regretted that there is no public or private Swimming Pool in the area.

(vii) ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.—There is no evidence that any infest the area.

4. SCHOOLS.—There is one School in the Area.

HOUSING.

1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year:—

i (a) Total Number of Dwelling Houses inspected for housing defects—60.

(b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose—90.

ii (a) Number of Dwelling Houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidation Regulations, 1925—Nil.

(b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose—Nil.

iii Number of Houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation—Nil.

iv Number of Dwelling Houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation—12.

2. Remedy of Defects during the year without Service of formal Notices: Number so remedied—Nil.

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year:

(a) Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:
i Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs—Nil
ii Number of Dwelling which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:—
(a) By Owners—Nil.
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners—Nil,

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:
i Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied—Nil.
ii Number of Dwelling Houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:—
(a) By Owners—Nil.
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners—Nil.

(c) Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:
i Number of Dwelling Houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made—Nil.
ii Number of Dwelling Houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders—Nil.

(d) Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:
i Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made—Nil.
ii Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit—Nil.

4. Housing Act, 1936.—Part IV.—Overcrowding:—

(a).—(i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year—Nil

(b).—Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year—Nil.

(c).—(i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year—Nil
(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases—Nil.

(d).—Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded—Nil.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(a) MILK SUPPLY.—No action has been necessary or taken under the Milk and Dairies Order, 1926, or the Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936. All Farms and Dairies have been inspected and found to conform to the Regulations.

(b) MEAT & OTHER FOODS.—Slaughterhouses and meat have been inspected periodically, and no action has been found necessary.

(c) ADULTERATION.—No action has been found necessary.

(d) CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF FOOD is carried out by the County Council.

(e) NUTRITION.—No steps have been taken by the Council to increase the knowledge of the public on this matter.

(f) SHELLFISH.—There are no Shellfish Beds in the area.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

Two cases of Scarlet Fever were notified during the year, both mild cases and recovered normally.

CANCER.—Two cases died of cancer aged 63 and 51. Facilities for Radium treatment are available at Swansea, Cardiff and Carmarthen.

BLINDNESS.—No action has been necessary for the prevention of blindness.

TUBERCULOSIS.—No action has been necessary under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, or under Section 62 of the Public Health Act, 1925, or Section 132 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

New Cases and Mortality during 1938.

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0–								
1–								
5–								
10–								
15–	1							
20–								
25–					1			
35–								
45–								
55–								
65 and upwards ...						1		
Totals ...	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0

There has been no case of Non Notified Tuberculosis death. Three cases have been removed from the Tuberculosis Register; one case did not die of Tuberculosis. 13 cases remain on the Register, an incidence rate of 16.4 per 1000.

I beg to remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

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